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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and ISRAEL

Signed at Washington January 29, 1980

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Health Cooperation

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare of the United States of America and the Ministry of Health of the State of Israel:

Desiring to encourage greater understanding and to strengthen further relationships between the two countries, and where appropriate with other countries;

Realizing the importance of working together to resolve common problems in health;

Recognizing the existence of broad mutual interests in the control and prevention of diseases and the promotion of health;

Intending to strengthen the links already existing between the scientific communities in both countries, and where appropriate with other countries;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

General Principles

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare of the United States of America and the Ministry of Health of the State of Israel (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) shall enhance and expand cooperative efforts in the field of health in accordance with the following general principles:

Cooperation under this agreement shall be on the basis of equality, reciprocity, and mutual benefit.

Cooperation under this agreement shall be supportive of relations currently established in the field of health between institutions or individuals of the United States of America and the State of Israel and will in no way limit such relationships. Rather, the Parties shall attempt to identify areas for joint activities which avoid unnecessary duplication.

Joint activities, where possible, will be coordinated with, or be supportive of, the activities and goals of international health bodies, including the World Health Organization.

ARTICLE II

Areas of Cooperation

The Parties agree to provide for an expansion of cooperation across a broad range of mutual interests. Initial efforts will be directed at developing joint activities addressing common problems in the areas of:

1. Planning of health manpower and services at different levels;
2. Research and evaluation of health services and delivery systems;
3. Health economics, financing of health services, and health care cost containment;
4. Health information systems, including statistical methodologies;

5. Health related areas concerning food and drugs;

6. Public health, including such areas as epidemiology, environmental health, occupational health, nutrition, and preventive services; and

7. Biomedical research.

Other specific areas may be identified from time to time by mutual agreement of the Parties.

ARTICLE III

Methods of Cooperation

The methods of cooperation provided for in this agreement shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Exchange of information;

2. Exchange of scientific, academic and administrative personnel;

3. Education and training of manpower;

4. Conferences and symposia; and

5. Collaborative projects, as mutually agreed.

The Parties also agree that, as appropriate, they will encourage the establishment of direct relationships between institutions and individuals in the two countries which are not within the direct jurisdiction of the Parties and their implementing bodies.

ARTICLE IV

Organization of Cooperation

For each area of cooperation identified pursuant to Article II, the Parties will each identify a coordinator from their respective countries to oversee the practical implementation of activities. These area coordinators may, among other things, organize groups of experts and meet periodically with their counterparts as is necessary to fulfill mutually agreed upon responsibilities.

The Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the Director-General of the Ministry of Health are hereby designated as responsible for overseeing implementation of the Agreement for the respective Parties. The Assistant Secretary and the Director-General will each designate an appropriate official to serve as their respective side's overall administrative coordinator for cooperation under this Agreement.

ARTICLE V

Financing

The Parties agree that the programs provided for in this Agreement shall be financed from funds allocated in their respective budgets subject to the availability of such funds and the laws and regulations of each country. Each side will be expected to bear the costs of its own participation,

except that alternate funding arrangements for specific activities may be made as appropriate.

ARTICLE VI

Entry into Force, Termination, and Amendment

The Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force until January 29, 1985, unless terminated earlier by either Party upon six month's written notice to the other Party. It may be extended or amended by mutual agreement of the Parties in writing.

DONE at Washington, in duplicate, this twenty-ninth day of January, 1980.

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